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Borderlands 4 has been officially was released on September 12, 2025 for PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X/S, and PC.

Developer: Gearbox Software

Publisher: 2K

The game takes place on an all-new planet called Kairos, ruled by a ruthless dictator known as the Timekeeper.

It features four new playable Vault Hunters as they work to free the people of Kairos.

The game introduces new movement abilities like gliding, dodging, and grappling, as well as a seamless world with no loading screens between major areas.

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Vex is the strongest character in the game, especially for single player.

Class: The Siren

Personality: Cynical, sarcastic, and pessimistic, but ultimately an empath who believes in helping others by dealing damage to "oppressive jerks."

Vault Hunter Trait: Phase Covenant: Vex is attuned to the Elemental Type of her currently equipped gun.

This converts all of her Action Skill and Melee Damage into that elemental type

(including Kinetic).

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Action Skills

Vex has three distinct Action Skills you can build around:

Dead Ringer (Charge Skill): Summons a Phase Clone Minion.

You can choose to summon a Specter (deals gun damage, stationary) or a Reaper

(taunts enemies, deals melee damage).

Incarnate: Vex creates a Phase Explosion, fully restoring her health and damaging

nearby enemies.

While active, she gains increased movement speed and can fire an Eldritch

Blast projectile.

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Phase Phamiliar: Vex is joined by her pet minion, Trouble a large, cat-like Phase creature.

Activating the skill teleports Trouble to a target location, dealing AoE damage, and transforming Trouble into a Badass for a short duration.

Vex's skill trees emphasize elemental damage, minion management, Kill Skills, and a unique focus on Kinetic damage, lifesteal, and even bleed effects.

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Rafa is this game's brawler who focuses on gun and/or melee damage.

Since he prefers close-range combat, he needs good defensive gear and ways to

sustain his shields and health to fully dominate the battlefield.

He is known as the Exo-Soldier class, an ex-Tediore trooper who utilizes a high-tech

Deadframe exo-suit.

Class: Exo-Soldier

Vault Hunter Trait: Overdrive - Whenever he activates an Action Skill, he enters

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Overdrive, gaining increased Movement Speed and dealing increased Damage from

all sources.

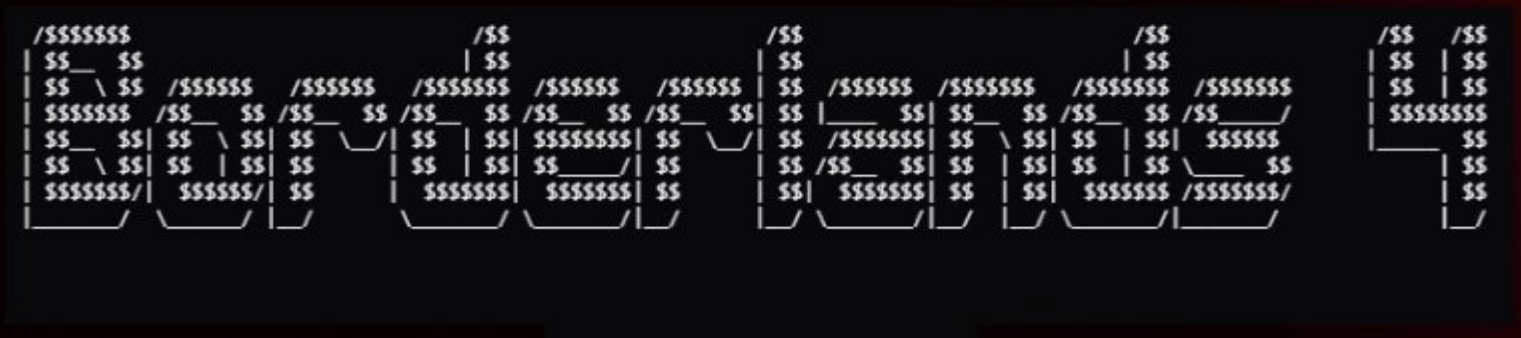
Action Skills:

He has three different Action Skills that are tied to his Deadframe suit:

Peace breaker Cannons: Shoulder-mounted cannons that fire at enemies automatically.

APOPHIS Lance: An arm cannon for firing piercing shock blasts and area-of-effect

attacks.



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Vex Cyber Exo-Soldier

Arc-Knives: Energy blades for close-range melee attacks that mark enemies.

His play style generally revolves around his high-tech gear and boosting his abilities through his Overdrive trait.

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Amon is a frontline tank with high durability and close-range damage.

You can play a defensive tank build with Scourge or focus on freezing and burning enemies with Crucible.

He can take a lot of punishment and dish it back out.

However, his Cyro and Incendiary damage can be a limiting factor since it is very weak against shields.

Always bring a Spark weapon to cover his weaknesses.

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He is the Forgeknight class, characterized as a resilient and highly customizable frontliner.

Class: Forgeknight

Role: Tank/Frontliner, focusing on aggressive melee and defense.

Backstory:

He's an introspective "warrior-poet" and the sole survivor of a Vault monster-worshiping cult that was wiped out by the monster itself.

He now dedicates his life to hunting and killing such beasts.

Abilities: He uses his "Forge arsenal," which includes weaponized drones, a Forgehammer, Forgeaxes, and a Forgeshield, allowing him to adapt to situations by attacking, defending, or applying elemental effects.

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His class trait is Forgeskill, which gives him a unique ability based on his equipped Action Skill.

Action Skills: He has three distinct Action Skills tied to his skill trees:

Onslaughter (Calamity Tree): Overloads his Forgefist for increased stats and a powerful Rocket Punch melee dash.

Scourge (Vengeance Tree): Equips a Forgeshield that absorbs damage, which can then be unleashed as a Forgewave.

Crucible (Cybernetics Tree): Summons Forgeaxes (Fire and Cryo) that can be thrown and retrieved, and can Prime enemies for detonation.

He's designed for in-your-face combat and is noted as the largest playable character.

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Harlowe is the support character of the cast.

Her Action Skills like Flux Capacitor can debuff enemies while providing buffs.

However, her Action Skills are best used when you are playing with a party.

In single-player mode, she is outclassed by other characters.

Additionally, her Elemental Affinities, Cyro and Radiation, are not super effective against any type of health.

She needs to use Maliwan weapons to take advantage of elemental weaknesses.

✨ **Borderlands 4 Character: Harlowe The Gravitar** ✨

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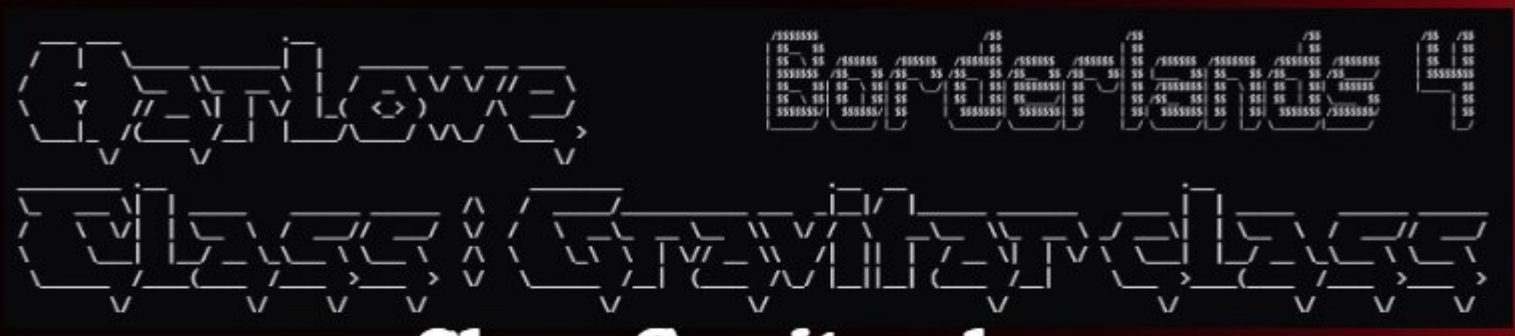

Class : Gravitar class.

She is a former Maliwan combat scientist who brings high-tech gadgets and crowd-control abilities to the battlefield.

🔬 Character & Play-style

Background: A former Maliwan combat scientist and a member of the Traunt family (known for generals like General Traunt and Captain Traunt), though she was initially an outcast due to her focus on pure research.

She uses her intellect and invented tech as a Vault Hunter.

Specialty: Crowd Control, Area-of-Effect (AoE) damage, and applying Cryo (Frost)

and Radiation elemental damage/status effects.

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Harlowe Build Guide

She has a strong focus on action skill uptime and manipulating the battlefield.

Vault Hunter Trait:

Entanglement:

Whenever Harlowe uses her Action Skill on enemies, those enemies become Entangled.

Entangled enemies share a portion of all Gun Damage and Skill Damage taken with all other Entangled enemies, allowing her to quickly take down groups.

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Action Skills

Harlowe has three unique Action Skills, each with its own skill tree:

CHROMA Accelerator (Creative Bursts Tree): Fires an Unstable Energy Pocket that passes through enemies, dealing Cryo Damage along its path.

It can be manually detonated for a massive Radiation Damage explosion.

Zero-Point (Seize the Day Tree):

Uses her HALO Accelerator to place a single enemy into a zero-gravity Stasis bubble, taking them out of the fight temporarily.

Pressing the Action Skill again slams the enemy into the ground for damage.

(Similar in concept to the Siren's Phasegrasp).

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Flux Generator (Cosmic Brilliance Tree):

Throws a Flux Generator that projects an Energy Field which deals continuous

Cryo Damage and **Entangles enemies within its radius.**

Crucially, allies inside the Energy Field gain Over shield, making this her primary co-op/ support tool.

Harlow's abilities revolve around using her technology to manipulate enemies—freezing them, entrapping them in stasis, and using her Entanglement trait to multiply damage across groups.

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Best Loadouts

Best Load outs...

Early Game Loadout Recommended Loadout:

Cryo Cryo Weapon

Shock Shock Weapon

Radiation Corrosive Ordnance

Mid Game Loadout Recommended Loadout:

Radiation Corrosive Weapon

CryoCryo Weapon

ShockShock Weapon

Radiation Radiation or

Incendiary Incendiary Weapon

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Late Game Loadout Recommended Loadout:

Radiation Corrosive Weapon

Cryo Cryo Weapon

Shock Shock Weapon

Incendiary Incendiary Weapon

Radiation Radiation Ordnance

Class Mod Enhancements

Early game loadout With only two weapon slots available, I would recommend a loadout that consists of a Cryo and a Shock weapon.

If possible, an ordnance that deals Corrosive damage can also be a good addition to your loadout.

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Cryo weapons come with the ice element and can freeze enemies, making it easier to hit their weak spot.

Shock weapons will deal with blue health bars that are tough to deplete

without the use of this element.

By the time that you reach mid game, all 4 weapon slots should be available to you.

For your mid game loadout, I recommend adding a Corrosive weapon as most enemies will have yellow armor.

Cryo and Shock weapons will still occupy your two slots while the last slot can be an Incendiary or Radiation weapon.

Take note that corrosive weapons are rare and it may need some farming to get these weapons.

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Best Loadouts

If you are not able to get a corrosive weapon, an ordnance with Corrosive element should still be enough to get you through the mid game.

Farming bosses is the most efficient way to get stronger weapons.

Farming Splash zone is one of the easiest bosses to farm with a nearby Moxxi's Encore to respawn him again.

For the late game, I recommended weapon loadout will consist of Corrosive, Cryo, Shock, and Incendiary weapons.

Radiation can be a good option to support Shock weapons against multiple armored enemies, but since Shock weapons already deal high damage to armor, Radiation weapons will not be a priority.

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Additionally, the inventory slots for Class Mods and Enhancements will be open once you reach the late game.

Class mods will affect your specific character, while enhancements will affect your manufacturer specific guns.

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Weapon Manufacturers

Weapon Manufacturers Affect How Guns Shoot

Manufacturer	Summary
VladofVladof	Boasts high fire rate and magazine size at the cost of reduced accuracy and handling.
JakobsJakobs	High-damage weapons that reward precision with critical hits capable of ricocheting between enemies.
TorgueTorgue	Fires explosive rounds, great for splash damage.

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Manufacturer	Summary
MaliwanMaliwan	Excels in elemental damage and damage-overtime effects. Able to switch between damage types mid-fight.
TedioreTediore	Weapons that are tossed to reload, triggering various effects. A new gun digistructs after reloading.

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Manufacturer	Summary
DaedalusDaedalus	Versatile and adaptable weapons that can switch ammo types.
RipperRipper	Requires charging before it can fire in full-auto mode. Has large ammo reserves and fire rate.
OrderOrder	Can be charged for powerful controlled bursts which reward precision aiming.

Weapons from different manufacturers have distinct playstyles.

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Weapon Rarities

Weapon Rarities	Colour Rarity
Grey	Common
Green	Uncommon
Blue	Rare
Purple	Epic
Gold	Legendary

Weapons come in various rarities, with higher rarities being inherently stronger due to additional parts and passive effects.

Legendary Weapons represent the highest rarity, and players can equip any number of them simultaneously without restriction.

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Weapon Levels

Weapons have levels that determine their Damage Per Second "DPS".

I would switch to the highest-level weapons available to keep up with your character's level in-line with of your enemies.

If a weapon's level is higher than your character's, you won't be able to use it.

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CLASS MODS

Class Mods give character specific abilities that can improve your combat ability.

Make sure to choose one that compliments your build as class mods come with different passive effects.

Similar to Class Mods, Enhancements will improve your combat ability by giving passive effects to manufacturer specific guns.

Choose an Enhancement that will synergize with your favorite gun manufacturer to increase its effectiveness.

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Assault Rifle

The Assault Rifle is Best Weapon in Borderlands 4 is highly recommended for its versatility in damage, range, and ammo capacity.

Some enemies can fly, teleport, or attack from long range.

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Sniper Rifle

Also I would have Sniper Rifle as a backup to your Assault Rifle for the following reason, Use the Sniper Rifle for long to mid range kills, this way you can take down enemies shield and Health from distance and finish them off with your assault Rifle this way you save ammo.

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Submachine Guns

Sub machine guns (SMGs) are powerful weapons designed for close to mid-range combat.

Because of SMG`s High Rate it is the perfect weapon for taking on multiple attackers at close to mid range.

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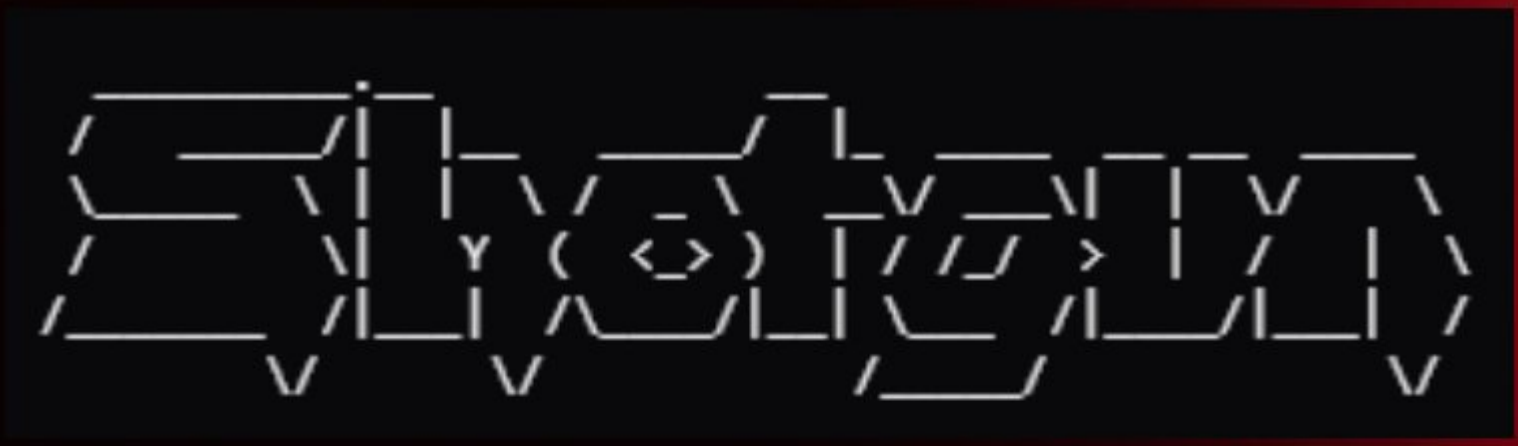

Shotguns are the perfect tools for close and mid-range carnage.

What truly differentiates these weapons from other categories is the ability of the bullets to spread.

This helps deal a considerable amount of damage and reduces the probability of missing the target.

These weapons are best used when you wish to go guns blazing in tight spaces and finish the job quickly.

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PISTOL

Pistols are the perfect for close and mid-range.

Pistols may not always look like the flashiest guns in Borderlands 4, but don't be fooled — many of the strongest endgame weapons fall into this category.

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Best Pistols

Borderlands 4 Best Legendary Pistols

San Saba Songbird:

This six-shooter is the crown jewel of pistols in Borderlands 4.

With proper swapping, players can stack absurd amounts of bonus damage, enough to one-shot bosses.

It requires some setup but is unmatched for high-risk, high-reward playstyles.

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Phantom Flame:

Its fast fire rate and quick reload already make it a reliable sidearm, but Midday turns it into a boss shredder.

Lock on, unload the whole mag instantly, and watch your target's health evaporate.

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Ruby's Grasp:

Reloading throws 4 homing copies of the pistol that explode on impact.

Tediore's reload-as-a-grenade gimmick reaches new heights here.

Ruby's Grasp essentially gives you four homing rockets with every reload.

It's a perfect balance of high fire rate and explosive utility—though it will chew through your ammo reserves if you're not careful.

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Seventh Sense:

Its fast reload and orb-spawning mechanic mean every fight turns into a fireworks display of homing explosives. Perfect for squishy enemies and even bosses when paired with Jakobs' natural crit scaling.

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Queen's Rest:

Torgue fans will love Queen's Rest. It's essentially a handheld rocket launcher disguised as a pistol.

Every shot hits hard, and the chance to spawn homing stickies makes sustained fire even more devastating.

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King's Gambit:

On its own, King's Gambit is stylish but situational.

Paired with a high-rate-of-fire weapon, however, it transforms into a ricochet engine.

Launch the orb, then spray with an SMG or AR to create a storm of bouncing bullets that clears rooms without precise aim.

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Rangefinder:

The Rangefinder rewards players who lean into elemental builds.

Each stacked burst amplifies elemental procs, making it one of the best pistols for chaining status effects.

In boss fights or mobbing, those stacked multipliers can push your damage output far beyond a standard pistol's limits.

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Bully:

Bully doubles as both offense and defense.

The drone adds free DPS while the shield keeps you safe, making it ideal for tougher encounters.

Since it can roll in multiple elemental types, it slots easily into any build.

Noisy Cricket:

The Noisy Cricket is both hilarious and effective.

It's not the strongest DPS option, but its novelty and surprising punch make it one of the most memorable pistols you can farm.

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Lucky Clover:

Lucky Clover is built for players who love consistent splash damage.

Every reload sends out free rockets, making it excellent for mobbing.

When combined with ammo regeneration builds, it becomes a reliable workhorse sidearm.

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best sniper rifles

The best sniper rifles in Borderlands 4

Stop Gap:

Known for its high damage and elemental effects, making it effective for crowd control.

Katagawa's Revenge:

Offers elemental damage and creates bubbles around enemies upon hitting.

Finity XXX-L:

Fires multiple projectiles and does not consume ammo while overheating, making it a powerful option.

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Stray:

Fires additional projectiles that home in on nearby foes,

enhancing its tracking capabilities.

Asher's Rise:

Sacrifices critical hit damage for guaranteed status effect damage,

suitable for builds that utilize elemental damage.

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Best assault rifles

Best assault rifles in Borderlands 4:

Aegon's Dream:

Fires alternating between Cryo and Incendiary bullets, effective for status effects.

G.M.R.:

A precision rifle that increases damage with zoom but decreases fire rate and shot cost.

Cold Shoulder:

Home in on enemies with every shot, making it effective for long-range combat.

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Best assault rifles

Best assault rifles in Borderlands 4:

Cold Shoulder:

Home in on enemies with every shot,

making it effective for long-range combat.

Bugbear: Ramps up damage and splash radius as you empty

the magazine, ideal for explosive builds.

Wombo Combo: Known for its high damage output, making

it a strong choice for players.

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Best shotguns in Borderlands 4:

Kickballer:

A reliable shotgun that fires quickly and reloads fast, ideal for early game.

Linebacker:

Effective for close-quarters combat, it can push enemies back and is available in different elemental versions.

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Best shotguns in Borderlands 4:

Lead Balloon:

Known for its explosive pellets that float upwards and spawn child projectiles upon exploding, making it a powerful choice for dealing damage.

Anarchy:

This shotgun grows stronger with each shot fired without reloading, making it a fun and powerful option.

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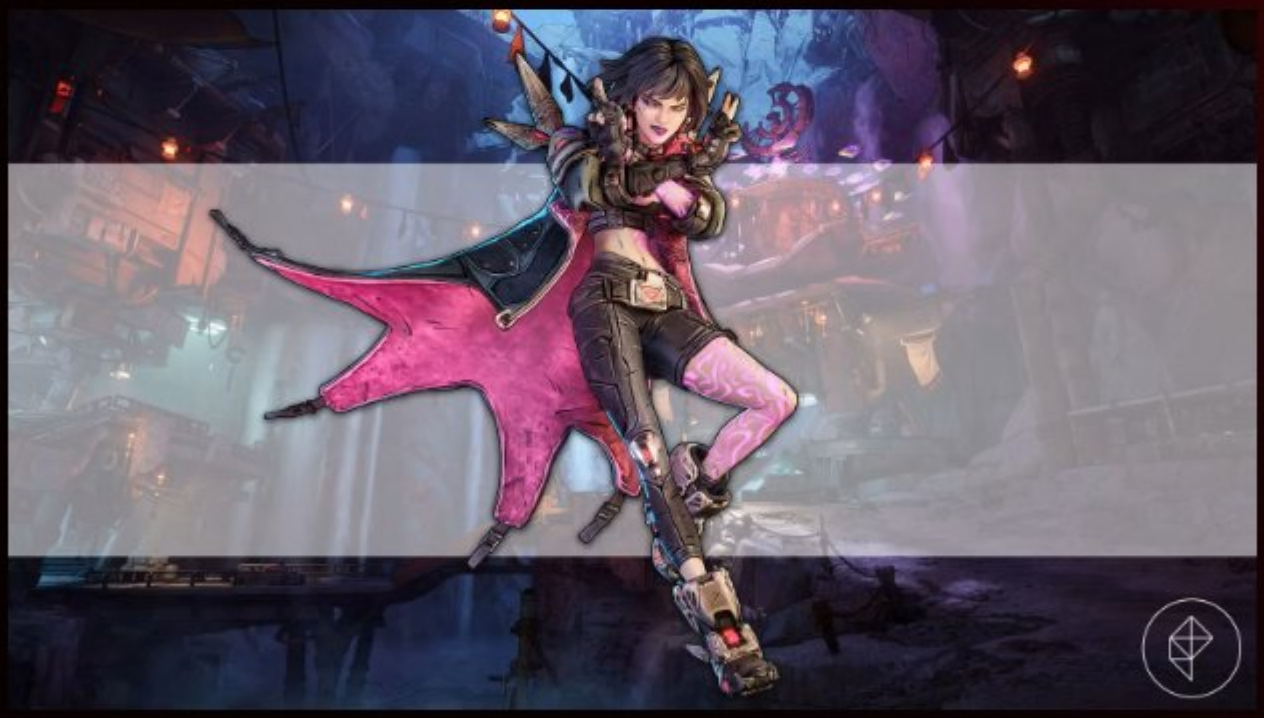
Best shotguns in Borderlands 4:

Hot Slugger:

A Jakobs shotgun that deals significant damage and has a unique Blazing Barrel perk that increases damage after kills.



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World Map of Kairos

World Map of Kairos - Borderlands 4

Borderlands 4 is set on the planet Kairos, which has four main regions: the Fadefields, the Terminus Range, the Carcadia Burn, and the Dominion.

Notable points of interest include Fortress Indomita in the Idolator's Noose, the Arch of Origo in the Low Leys, the Umbral Foundry in Windspear, and the Arch of Radix near the Grindstone of the Worthy.

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Overview

Major regions

The Fadefields:

A zone with rolling hills and areas like the Coastal Bonescape, Idolator's Noose, and the Dissected Plateau.

Terminus Range:

Features the frigid peaks and locations like the Terminus District.

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Carcadia Burn:

A shattered land region that includes Carcadia District and Lopside.

The Dominion: The Timekeeper's impenetrable fortress city, with locations like Dominion City and the Upper Dominion.

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Key points of interest

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Fortress Indomita:

Located in the Idolator's Noose.

Arch of Origo: Found in the Low Leys.

Umbral Foundry: Located in Windspear.

Arch of Radix: Located near the Grindstone of the Worthy.

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The Wireworks: An Order Bunker in The Low Keys, accessible from the Low Leys.

Abandoned Auger Mines: Various locations, including Trinket Crevass, Timid Kyle's Neglected Opening, and Embossed Fault.

Maurice's Black Market: A vendor that moves locations, currently found near Moxxi's bar in Carcadia Burn.

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